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Examiner: Cheryl Ann Juska**OFFICIAL**

In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant(s): Jack J. Richards

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Serial No. : 10/082,039

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Filed : February 20, 2002

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AMENDMENTFor : BLACKOUT AND THERMAL)
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Docket No. : 4244P2431

August 18, 2004

I hereby certify that on the 18th day of August, 2004, this correspondence is being faxed to Examiner Juska at 1-703-872-9306.

Harry M. Weiss /DW

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant's counsel has attempted to arrange a telephone interview with the Examiner on Friday August 13, 2004 and on Tuesday August 17, 2004, but received no response. Since the date for response is due, Applicant is timely responding to the Examiner's current Office Action dated May 18, 2004.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview prior to any further action on this response.

In response to the Examiner's Action dated May 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: